D.T.C. has been incurring losses mainly due to its fare structure and rising cost of labour and other inputs besides concessionality in passes to various groups of passengers such as, students, residents of resettlement colonies etc. For improving the financial performance of D.T.C, steps taken by D.T.C. includes route-rationalisation, economy, in expenditure better inventory control, prevention of leakage of revenue etc.

Nepal's Pact with India for Citizenship Rights and Working Conditions of 'Madeshias'

1951. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Nepal have express its willingness to have pacts with India in respect of citizenship rights and working conditions of "Madeshias" residing in Terai area ;

(b) whether any discussion between both the countries on this issue was held during the month of February, 1990 ; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the talks held and further steps Government propose to take to normalise relations with Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) No Sir. This is not possible as Madeshias are Nepalese nationals.

(c) The Indo-Nepal official level talks in New Delhi in February, 1990 covered as wide range of issues—trade transit, security perceptions, treatment of each other's nationals cooperation in industry & water resources development etc. An effort was made to achieve progress towards a comprehensive solution of outstanding issues between India and Nepal. The next round of official talks expected to be held soon will be for taking this process further.

Expenditure on Repair of Collapsed Bridge on Mandovi River

1952. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of expenditure Government have incurred since the collapse of bridge on river Mandovi in Goa to keep the traffic moving across this river ; and

(b) by when the new and old bridge would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) An amount of Rs. 524.51 lakhs has so far been sanctioned for moving the traffic across river Mandovi in Goa on improvement of Ramps and Jetties and maintenance of Ferries since collapse of the bridge in July, 1986.

(b) The old and new bridges on river Mandovi are targetted to be completed by December, 1990.

Sanctioning of Separate 'Telecom Circle' for Goa

1953. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been pending before the Union Cabinet to sanction to Goa separate 'Telecom Circle' by delinking it from the present Bombay Telecom Circle ; and

(b) if so, by when this Telecom Circle is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS : (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above the question does not arise.

Late Night Bus Service for Nanakpura, New Delhi

1954. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of Nanakpura, New Delhi are facing problems due to a very poor bus service, particularly in the evening/night hours;

(b) whether a new bus route No. 633 has been cancelled despite repeated demands from the residents; if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce more bus services from Connaught Place to Nanakpura during night hours which otherwise suspend after 9.30 PM, solving the problems of the persons detained or held up during night hours?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) New route No. 633, which was started on experimental basis on 20-7-1989 was only an extension on old route No. 630 which operated with 3 buses from Nanakpura to Jantar-Mantar and rendered 70 trips a day. On the demand of Representatives of N.W. Moti Bagh, Shanti Niketan Residents Welfare Association, two buses were taken out of the route 630 and operated between Nanakpura to Minto Road Terminal, following Route No. 630 in the sector between Nanakpura & Jantar-Mantar. With the extension of route in the sector between Jantar-Mantar and Minto Road Terminal, the running time of the new route increased. The total number of trips in the common sector between Nanakpura and Jantar-Mantar were reduced from 70 to 56 only. The regular patrons of route No. 630 were put-into some inconvenience and as a result of discussion held with the Residents of Nanakpura in the Open House meeting on 3-9-1989, the new route 633 was discontinued w.e.f. 11-9-1989.

As buses on route Nos. 400, 435, 460, 483, 528, 531, 532, 548, 632, RL-43 provide services between Jantar-Mantar and Minto Road and ample change-over facilities are available at Jantar-Mantar, the Commuters of Nanakpura bound for Minto Road are not put to any inconvenience on account of discontinuation of the new route. No demand for restoration of Route 633 has been received after its discontinuation.

(c) The last trip at 2208 hrs. is in operation from Jantar-Mantar (Connaught Place) to Nanakpura on route No. 630 for the convenience of commuters. There is no proposal to introduce more bus service from Connaught Place to Nanakpura during night hours.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

1955. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 181 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1990 and state the number of freedom fighters who are receiving pension as on date?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : Till 28th February, 1990, pension had been sanctioned in 1,55,799 cases. The sanctioned pension is drawn by